

REMARKS

Applicants submit the following remarks in connection with this Petition to Withdraw. Currently, claims 2-8, 18-26, 33-40, 43, 44, 46, 47, and 48 are pending, with claims 43, 44, 46, 47, and 48 being independent. Claims 1, 9-17, 27-32, 41-42, and 45 have been previously cancelled. Claims 18-26 are currently being amended to correct antecedent basis errors.

In the present application, the Examiner mailed a Notice of Allowability and Issue Fee Due on January 31, 2011. In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-26, 33-40, and 43-48 are allowed. (See, Notice of Allowability). However, in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner stated that claims 2-8, 18-26, 33-40, 43, 44, and 46-48 are pending with claims 43-48 being independent and that claims 1, 9-17, 27-32, 41-42, and 45 have been cancelled. (See, Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, page 2). The Examiner further indicated reasons for allowing independent claims 43, 44, 46, 47, and 48 (See, Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, page 4). By virtue of allowing the independent claims, the respective dependent claims 2-8, 18-26, and 33-40 are allowed as well. Thus, claims 2-8, 18-26, 33-40, 43, 44, 46, 47, and 48 are allowed. This is inconsistent with the indication of allowed claims in the Notice of Allowability. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to correct this informality.


Along with this Petition to Withdraw, Applicants respectfully submit amendments to claims 18-26 in order to correct antecedent basis of various elements in these claims, as indicated above. Claims 18-26 depend from the independent claim 47 and as such are allowable for at least the reasons stated in Applicants' Amendment and Response, filed on November 23, 2011, and/or the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, as mailed on January 31, 2011. Hence, no further search or examination is required.

CONCLUSION

No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request grant of this Petition to Withdraw and re-issuance of the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee(s) Due as well as application of the previously paid issue fee in the present application to the claims as amended by this Petition to Withdraw.

The fee for this Petition under 37 CFR 1.17(h) as well as the RCE fee are being submitted herewith. The Director is authorized to charge these fees to the deposit account no. **14-1315**, docket no. **27996-232-UTIL**. If the Office believes that other fees are also due, the Office is authorized to charge the deposit account no. **14-1315**, docket no. **27996-232-UTIL**.

Respectfully submitted,



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